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## EDITORIAL

Is there not a cause—I. Sam. 17-29

These words of David seem to come home to us with great force at this time. When the foes of Democracy and Christian civilization are making such progress on the fields of battle; when David spoke the foregoing words, God's ancient people Israel were being attacked by their enemies, the Philistines, and a giant, Goliath, came forward from the ranks of the enemy morning and night for 40 days and defied the armies of Israel; and Saul who was their king, and all his warriors were dismayed and greatly afraid, and would have been defeated had it not been for David whom God sent to the battle field, and who killed the giant and delivered Israel.

These words of David are very suggestive, as we think of this terrible war and the continuous defeats that the allies are suffering. They suggest to us first that this carnage, this colossal struggle, which has disrupted the peace of the world, and has already caused such enormous waste of human lives and property, is not an accident. There is a cause for this awful trouble and sorrow which has so suddenly come upon the world. I know we all blame Hitler and his associates for it all, and rightly so, for had he not been the aggressor in this trouble many of the nations, our own great commonwealth included, might have lived peaceably together for many years.

And when a just God rises up to administer justice and judgment to the nations, Hitler will surely receive his just desserts.

But many people are asking, why does God permit Hitler to be so successful against our own British Empire, which stands for civic righteousness, religious freedom, and an open Bible. This question is in the minds, and on the lips of many. Wherever the Union Jack flies, missionaries can safely go and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and know that none dare molest them, or make them afraid. And now the tyrant dictator is doing his utmost, and threatens to annihilate Christian civilization. People are beginning to think seriously on the matter, and ask, will he succeed? Will God permit our empire to suffer further defeat? Our very souls cry out in agony. My God have mercy on us, and protect us. The thought of submitting to Hitlerism and being under Nazi rule, and deprived of our religious liberty is unbearable. But let us again ask the question in the words of David, "Is there not a cause" when nations are defeated?

When God's ancient people Israel persisted in ignoring His commands and violated His righteous laws, He more than once allowed

their enemies, heathen nations, and peoples which were worse than Israel to make war upon them, defeat them, and take them captive. Our own nation and empire has had great light, because we have had access to an open Bible, the Word of God. But have we walked in that light? Are we not guilty of gross sin? How do you think God feels toward the sin of drunkenness? Our governments persist in manufacturing strong drink, and selling it to our people, which is making drunkards of hundreds of thousands of them. God says: Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken. What shall we say about the sin of Sunday desecration, which has become so common, not only among the great unsaved masses, but also among the churches. Multitudes of church-members use the Lord's Day for a day of pleasure instead of worship as God has ordained. Great numbers of church-members have a custom of attending church and Sunday school a part of the day, Sunday fore-noon. Then their church excuses them in the afternoon, and they go pleasure seeking. So the pleasure resorts, beaches and shores are thronged with people desecrating God's Holy Day. Does God excuse these people who thus violate His laws? Did He not punish Israel severely for this very sin, and send them captives down to Babylon seventy years, and He said, my land enjoyed her Sabbaths seventy years while she lay desolate. Now there is a move on foot to open the picture shows on Sunday nights, for the purpose, they say, of raising a million dollars to help win the war. I see by the paper that the theater operators already have the consent of the government of New Brunswick, through the attorney-general, to hold the Sunday night shows, providing the pictures shown are of an edifying character. And our Sunday observance laws are to be waived to allow the shows to operate. Well, this is just another trick of the devil working through the godless moving picture industry, to rob us of what we have left of the Lord's Day, and thus bring down the wrath of a justly offended God on our nation. The theater men talk of showing pictures that will be edifying. How long do you think they will keep that promise? And do you think they will close the shows on Sunday after the war is over? Not if they have their way. These godless money-getters know that if they once get their cursed business going on Sunday, that it will not stop till Jesus comes.

To this writer it seems very inconsistent for a nation, or individual, to break God's laws then to pray for His blessing and help against their enemies. Shall we do evil that good may come?

Will God tolerate sins in a nation today that he would not tolerate in Israel, His chosen people anciently? Our nation is in distress and conditions look very grave indeed. And at present the future does not look very bright. Is this a time for pleasure seeking and desecrating God's day and drinking strong drink! Should we not rather be serious, prayerful and penitent and turn away from sin? If we do, then God has promised to hear prayer and heal our land. If we meet with defeat, is there not a cause?

From 1867 to 1929 the population of our country increased only 300 per cent and marriages increased 400 per cent, while divorces increased 2,000 per cent.—The Prospector.

## QUARTERLY MEETING NOTES

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 convened with the church at Salem, N. B., May 30th to June 2nd inclusive.

The opening service was in charge of the Dist. President, Rev. J. A. Owens, who spoke on the "Transfiguration," stressing our necessity of a vision, and a mountain-top experience, to equip us to meet the challenge that awaits us in the world.

Sister Alice Sterritt brought the Friday evening message, her theme was "Christ's Coming," and stressed our need of a pure heart in readiness for that great event.

A real old fashioned prayer and testimony meeting was held Saturday a. m., led by Rev. J. A. Owens. This was a melting time, in which the presence of the Lord was very real. The business meeting of the Quarterly session was held at 2.30 Saturday p. m. The following ministers were present. Rev. J. A. Owens, Rev. H. M. Kimball, Rev. Mrs. H. C. Sanders, Misses Alice and Helen Sterritt, Lic A. D. Cann, Bud Price and Mrs. J. A. Owens.

Letters were read from the following churches: Saint John, Moncton, Amherst, Grey's Mills, and several gave oral reports of the work in their localities.

Lic. A. D. Cann was elected president for the coming quarter, and Mrs. J. A. Owens was named secretary, and Rev. H. M. Kimball, Highway Agent. It was suggested that we hold a Rally Day in our S. School at the time of the fall quarterly. It was also moved that we write the Lieut.-Governors of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, voicing our disapproval of the liquor traffic, and seek if possible their assistance in the closing of the government stores for the duration of the war.

It was also moved that a letter be written to Rev. P. W. Briggs expressing our regrets that he has left the district.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. H. M. Kimball.

Rev. H. M. Kimball preached a grand message Saturday evening on Repentance.

Sunday a. m. love feast was led by Miss Zora Hicks. This was a good service. Mrs. J. A. Owens spoke at 11 o'clock on "Growth in Grace." One soul was forward at the close of the service, and prayed through to victory.

Mrs. H. C. Sanders brought a stirring message in the afternoon, relating many interesting events from her work in Africa, showing us God deals with all souls alike.

Rev. J. A. Owens preached the closing message on "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper." This was a heart searching time, and one of those meetings that was hard to close. God was dealing with souls, and although none moved out we felt results would follow. Thus closed another good Quarterly Meeting and we feel to praise God we still have the privilege to meet and worship him here in our land.

MRS. J. A. OWENS,  
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The Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that there are now 10,249,007 fingerprint cards in the files of the division, while the alphabetical index cards number 11,593,372 cards. During March, 1939, 166,457 new fingerprint cards were received. The department is making an effort to induce everyone to have his fingerprints filed in Washington.—Christian Observer.